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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTIONS

1-PANAMA CITY.-- COVERAGE OF CODEL SPARKMAN UNIFORMLY POSITIVE.
ALL PAPERS HEADLINED TORRIJOS STATEMENT TO CODEL AGREEING TO
INCORPORATE OCTOBER 14 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING INTO TREATY.
GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED LA REPUBLICA HELD THE PRESSES TO CARRY
BANNER HEAD ONE OUR AFTER PRESS CONFERENCE: "TORRIJOS-CARTER
DECLARATION" WITH BLOCK QUOTES OF CODEL NEWS CONFERENCE.

2-GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED TABLOID CRITICA JANUARY 19 RAN FOLLOWING
SPREAD HEAD: "TORRIJOS-CARTER MEMO WOULD AVOID AMENDMENTS."
PAGE 12 NEWS STORY COMMENTARY ANALYZES THE TORRIJOS-SPARKMAN
MEETING AS FOLLOWS: "OBVIOUSLY AFTER THE STATEMENT OF GENERAL
TORRIJOS WHICH CAME TO LIGHT YESTERDAY ON THE BEAUTIFUL
PACIFIC ISLAND, THERE IS VERY LITTLE LEFT TO THE TREATY OPPONENTS
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BOTH IN THE U.S. AND PANAMA TO JUSTIFY NOT RATIFYING THE TREATY.
NATURALLY IT IS NOT EASY FOR THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT AND ITS
HIGHEST LEADER TO ACCEPT WHAT HAS UP UNTIL NOW SEEMPLY FRANKLY
LIKE AN IMPOSTION. BUT GREAT HISTORICAL DECISIONS CANNOT BE MADE
ON THE BASIS OF EMOTIONS. FORTUNATELY ON THIS OCCASION, MATURITY
HAS PREVAILED, AND IT MUST BE STRESSED THAT THE MATURITY COMES
FROM THE PANAMANIAN SIDE, SOMETHING THAT SHOULD NEVER BE CONFUSED

WITH COWARDICE OR IMPROVISATION."

3-GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED MATUTINO OF JANUARY 19 CARRIED SPREAD
HEAD, "PERSPECTIVES IMPROVE FOR RATIFICATION OF TREATIES," OVER
STRAIGHT COVERAGE OF THE CONTRADORA NEWS CONFERENCE.

4-SEMI-INDEPENDENT LA ESTRELLA JANUARY 19 CARRIES BANNER HEAD,
"SENATORS ASSURE: TORRIJOS 'FLEXIBLE' ON THE TREATY; THE
MEMORANDUM WILL ASSURE ITS RATIFICATION," OVER STRAIGHT REPORT
OF PRESS CONFERENCE. A TEXT OF THE MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING
WAS INCLUDED IN THE LA ESTRELLA STORY. SISTER ENGLISH EDITION
STAR & HERALD RAN 3-COLUMN HEAD: "IN NEW PC TREATY: TORRIJOS
WOULD FAVOR INCLUSION OF CLARIFICATION."
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